

REMARKS

The indication by the Examiner of allowable subject matter in claims 4-8 and 12 is gratefully acknowledged.

The claims have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112.

By the present Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 7, which the Examiner has indicated contains allowable subject matter. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 1, as amended, is allowable. Claims 5 and 7 have been canceled.

Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form, so that it is no longer a method claim depending from an apparatus claim. In addition, claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 7, which the Examiner has indicated contains allowable subject matter. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 11, as amended, is allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.


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